FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 2828 - HB 2775

February 11, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013974): Encourages local education agencies (LEAs) to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in every K-12 public school for emergency use. If purchased, LEAs shall fund AED devices and maintenance thereof through existing local resources or nongovernmental funds. Requires a physician be present at placement of all AEDs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$822,100/One-Time
Exceeds \$100,000/Every Two Years

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$820,000/ One-Time/Permissive
Exceeds \$100,000/Every Two Years/
Permissive

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Amendment does not apply to state special schools.
- LEAs bear permissive cost of one-time purchase for AEDs. Approximately 800 public schools will need an AED. If AEDs are placed in every school, the cost will be \$820,000 (800 x \$1,025 = \$820,000).
- AEDs have parts such as batteries and pads that must be replaced periodically. Part lengths of service, make, and model have an impact oh how frequently parts are replaced. The cost of AED pads is \$80 a pair; batteries are \$150 apiece, while other items such as electrodes also need replacement. The cost of replacement parts for 800 AEDs is estimated to exceed \$100,000 every two years.
- According to the Department of Health, medical supervision is currently required for AED placement. A doctor is assigned to every county in the state. Doctors routinely perform this service at no cost.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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